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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State must 2 improve and develop new types of renewable energy to reduce its dependence on imported oil. The legislature also finds that net 3 4 energy metering for commercial customers reduces the State's dependence on imported oil and, in doing so, enhances Hawaii's 5 energy security and reduces energy costs for businesses. 6 The legislature further finds that net metering on state 7 8 facilities is particularly beneficial to the taxpayers of the State of Hawaii because it lowers the operating costs of those 9 facilities and allows for the state's economic resources to be 10 used for other vital purposes. 11 SECTION 2. Section 269-101.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 12 amended to read as follows: 13 "[+]§269-101.5[+] Maximum capacity of eligible customer-14 15 **generator.** The eligible customer-generator shall have a capacity of not more than [fifty kilowatts; provided that the 16 17 public utilities commission may increase the maximum allowable

capacity that eligible customer generators may have to an amount

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- greater than fifty kilowatts by rule or order.] two megawatts if
- 2 the generating facility is sited on property owned or controlled
- 3 by the State of Hawaii, or a capacity of not more than one
- 4 megawatt for all other customer-generators."
- SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 5
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

S.B. NO. 2966

Report Title:

Net Energy Metering; Renewable Energy

Description:

Increases allowable maximum customer-generator capacity for net metered systems to two megawatts if the generating facility is sited on property owned or controlled by the State of Hawaii. Increases allowable maximum customer-generator capacity for net metered systems to one megawatt for all other systems.

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